Power Deficit in Andhra Pradesh

2365. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :
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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that by 1994-95 Andhra Pradesh will face maximum power deficit ;

(b) whether the State Government has requested the Central Government for permission to import 1·2 metric tonnes of coal per annum for the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station Stage-III and 2·4 metric tonnes of coal for the establishment of a coal-based Thermal Power Station at Vishakapatnam; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government requested the Central Government for according 2·2 metric tonnes of coal linkage from Singareni Collieries Company Limited by delinking coal linkage already given to far away stations in other States; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken to help the State Government to meet the power shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) No, Sir. The deficit in some other States would be higher.

(b) In June 1989 Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) approached the Department of Coal for according approval of coal linkage for the proposed Vijayawada thermal project, Stage III (1×500 MW) and Visakhapatnam thermal project (2×500 MW) from Singareni collieries. The Board also requested for approval for import of 1·2 metric tonnes and 2·4 metric tonnes per annum respectively for these projects in case it was not possible to provide coal from indegenous sources.

Due to the fact that Singaren coalfields would have a continuou deficit throughout the Eighth Plan period it has not so far been possible to establish coal linkage for these projects. Since the proposa of Andhra Pradesh Government does not relate to one time import the question of coal availability for the new project would depend upon the overall availability of coal from Ib/ Talcher coal fields during the Eighth Plan period.

(c) The State government/APSEB have suggested delinking of thermal power stations located in other States which have been linked to Singareni coalfields for providing coal linkage to their projects. The coal linkage is decided by the Standing Linkage Committee taking into account various aspects including availability of coal in other coal fields and transportation aspects. It has also not been possible to locate surplus coal for linking the proposed Vijayawada or Visakhapatnam projects by delinking some of the existing linkages on SCCL mines. Even Ennore TPS which was earlier linked to SCCL is now being supplied its full requirement of coal from CIL sources through rail-cum-sea route *Via* Haldia/ Paradeep ports.

(d) The State Government is assisted to complete the power projects in time. The measures to assist the State include extensive monitoring of ongoing projects, expeditious supply of equipments and materials, visit to project sites by senior officers of the Government and Central Electricity Authority

to identify and over-come constraints. It is anticipated that a generating capacity of 516 MW would be added during the year. Out of the tentatively planned programme of capacity addition of 38000 MW during Eighth Plan period in the country it is anticipated that about 1573 MW capacity would be added in Andhra Pradesh. In addition State would received its share from the existing as well as planned Central sector power projects in the Southern region. To the extent possible assistance from the neighbouring systems/ States is also provided to the State. Renovation and Modernisation of some of the thermal projects in Andhra Pradesh is also in progress under the Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Programme. The power supply could also be improved by reducing transmission and distribution losses, demand management and energy conservation measures.

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Targets for LPG Production

2367. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the oil companies entrusted with the production of liquefied petroleum gas;

(b) whether those oil companies have set any higher target for the year 1989-90 for gas production;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by these oil companies to acheive the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The Oil companies presently producing Liquefied Petroleum Gas are Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Cochin Refineries Ltd., Madras Refineries Ltd., Oil India Limited and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

(b) and (c) The LPG production during 1989-90 is expected to be 1·803 million tonnes as compared with the production of 1·751 million tonnes during 1988-89.

(d) The LPG production is expected to increase during 1989-90 due to the increased crude intake by Refineries, better capacity utilisation of FCCS increased gas processing at Hazira LPG Fractioning Plant and due to constant monitoring at all locations.

Charges of irregularities against M/s. J. J. Motors Limited Jhandewala, New Delhi

2368. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. J.J. Motors Limited Jhandewala, New Delhi are not delivering pick-up vans (Matador) to the customers according to the waiting list; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that persons who deposited money in June, 1989 have not got the delivery while others who deposited the money in July have got the delivery of vehicles from the company;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company is indulging in black marketing of Matador vans ; and